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In re the Application of: SAITO, et al.

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For: **PASSPORT TRANSACTION APPARATUS, PASSPORT TRANSACTION METHOD AND PASSPORT TRANSACTION SYSTEM**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **March 19, 2003**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1 - 3, 14, 26, 27, 28, 33, 38 and 39 to read as follows:

1. (Five Times Amended) A passport transaction apparatus connected to a residents database storing therein identification data of the residents and also connected to a center which executes an examination for issuance of passports through a communication line, said apparatus comprising:

a communication unit for communicating with said center;

an image input unit for inputting an image of an applicant for a passport;

a display unit for displaying a guidance for the procedure for the passport transaction;

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